


REMARKS

The originally submitted claims have been cancelled. The newly added claims are different than those originally submitted and should obviate the double patenting rejection.

Accordingly, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance and an early indication of its allowance is solicited. However, if the Examiner has any further matters that need to be resolved, a telephone call to the undersigned attorney at 415-318-1163 would be appreciated.

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